

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2012 AT HOTEL PRESIDENCY, ERNAKULAM**

The Eighth meeting of the Executive Council was held on 27th March, 2012 at Ernakulam. The following were present:

1.	Prof. (Dr) Jancy James, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Kerala Kasaragod	Chairperson
2.	Dr. P K Azis, former Vice-Chancellor, AMU Madina Manzil, Thodupuzha East P O – 685 585	
3.	Prof. (Dr) K N Chandrasekharan Pillai Director, National Judicial Academy Suraj Nagar, Bhopal	Member
4.	Prof. (Dr) A. Sukumaran Nair Former Vice-Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam	Member
5.	Prof.(Dr.) C G Ramachandran Nair “Neckar”, Former Secretary to Govt. of Kerala and Chairman Science Technology & Environment Faculty of Science, University of Kerala	Member
6.	Dr. Babu Joseph CBCI Centre, 1 Ashok Place Near Goleedakhana New Delhi – 110 001	Member
7.	Mr. P Bhaskaran Registrar In-charge Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod	Ex-officio Secretary

Dr. M Aandakrishnan expressed his inability to attend the meeting due to the Finance Committee meeting of IIT-Kanpur.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members and expressed her gratitude to them for making it convenient to attend the meeting.

The Chairperson gave a brief account of the activities that took place since the last meeting of the Council.

The Chairperson was glad to inform the Council about the transferring of 310 acres of land to the University by the Government of Kerala at a function conducted by the University on 18th March, 2012. The Council members were briefed about the steps that are being taken to secure the Campus from encroachment, etc. The Chairperson also informed the Council that the Government of Kerala have allocated another chunk of land of 51 acres adjacent to the already allotted land. The members congratulated the Chairperson for her vigorous persuasion with State Government for getting the land allotted and wished success in speedy setting up of the permanent campus.

The Chairperson also informed the Council with happiness about the first publication of the University, entitled, "Quest of a Discipline" in collaboration with Cambridge University Press and announced that the second publication is in the offing. The Council congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for this excellent academic achievement.

The members noted that the semester examinations were conducted and results announced strictly as per the academic calendar. The Chairperson informed that steps have been taken for common entrance examinations along with other newly established Central Universities for admission to various courses. The examinations will be coordinated by Central University of Tamil Nadu.

The members noted with satisfaction about the joining of regular faculty in the Department of Economics. It was informed by the Chairperson that steps have been taken to advertise the vacant positions in the existing departments and also for the proposed departments.

The Council suggested that in future the hard copy of the agenda and minutes also be sent in addition to soft copies.

The agenda items were then taken up for deliberation.

EC:08:01	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd December, 2011
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The Council confirmed the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd November, 2011 as no adverse comments were received.

EC:08:02	Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 23rd December, 2011
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The Council accepted the Action Taken Report on the Seventh Meeting of the Executive Council.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

EC:08:03	To ratify appointment of faculty in the Department of Economics as recommended by the Selection Committees
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The Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor was authorized in its 6th meeting, vide, item EC:06:09, to declare the results and to issue offer of appointment to the selected candidates in the Department of Economics as recommended by the duly constituted Selection Committees after completion of the selection process.

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committees and ratified the action taken:

- (1) For the post of Professor (1 post – General)

Prof. M Thomas Paul



(2) For the post of Associate Professor (2 posts – 1 Gen & 1 OBC)

- (i) Dr. A M Ravindran (OBC)
- (ii) Dr. P Abdul Kareem (General)

(3) For the post of Assistant Professor (3 posts – 1 OBC & 2 Gen)

- a) Dr. Anver Sadath (OBC)
- b) Dr. Syam Prasad (Gen)
- c) Dr. T J Joseph (Gen)

EC:08:04 To ratify nomination of Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences to the Selection Committee for non-teaching posts

The Council ratified the action taken and approved for utilizing the services of Dr. Vincent Mathew, Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences as Chairperson in the forthcoming interviews.

EC:08:05 To ratify appointment of Shri V Sasidharan as Controller of Examinations

The Council accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee and ratified the appointment of Shri V. Sasidharan as Controller of Examinations. The Council also ratified the steps taken with the NSS Central Committee for considering the appointment of Shri Sasidharan as on deputation as per Govt. of India rules.

EC:08:06 To ratify appointment of Shri K M Abdur Rasheed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD)

While ratifying the appointment of Mr. Abdur Rasheed K.M. as OSD, the Council observed that no *ad hoc* appointments can be made against the statutory posts. Hence, the Council suggested that the wording in the Order of appointment of OSD be modified without mentioning that the appointment is against the post of Registrar.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

EC:08:07 To approve starting of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications under the School of Professional Studies

Approved the recommendation of the Academic Council for starting of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications.

EC:08:08 To approve starting of the Department of Environmental Sciences under the School of Energy, Environment and Earth Sciences

Approved the recommendation of the Academic Council for starting of the Department of Environmental Sciences in the academic session 2012-13.

EC:08:09	To approve revision of course codes for optional courses offered in M.Sc Physics
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Approved.

EC:08:10	To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for the year 2012-13
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The Council approved the Academic Calendar 2012-13.

EC:08:11	To consider recognition of degrees issued by various approved Universities/Institutions of India
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While considering and approving the item, the Council suggested that the Academic Council's views on preventing recognition of low quality courses may be sought.

EC:08:12	To consider and approve starting of new Centres under the existing Schools and approval for starting new academic programmes
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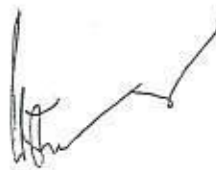
- (a) The Council considered the recommendation of the Academic Council for starting the Mother Teresa Centre for Studies in Asian Christianity and approved the same to be started at the University. The Council suggested to explore the possibility of instituting a Mother Teresa Chair for which the MHRD should be approached for funding.
- (b) With regard to recognition of the Institute of Research in Social and Humanities (IRISH), it has been decided to constitute an EC Sub-Committee with following members to inspect the Institute and submit its report:
1. Dr. K N C Pillai
 2. Dr. P K Abdul Azis
 3. Dr. Babu Joseph

Based on the recommendation of the above Committee, further course of action will be decided.

EC:08:13	To consider and approve starting a Centre for Material Culture Studies
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The Council noted that the proposed Centre for Material Culture Studies is conceived as a nodal resource point drawing inputs from various disciplines like, Ocean Studies, Archaeology, Linguistics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Humanities, etc.

Considering its relevance, the Council approved the proposal.



EC:08:14	To consider modification of Clause 9.5 in the Regulations for 2-year Postgraduate Programmes
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The Council approved the modification as recommended by the third Academic Council, as given below:

Existing provision	Amended provision
... Students who have secured a CGPA of more than 9 out of 10 shall be awarded Distinction with First Class and those with CGPA of 6.5 and above, <i>but below 9 out of 10</i> shall be placed in First Class and those who have secured a CGPA of 5.0 or more but less than 6.5 shall be placed in Second Class...	... Students who have secured a CGPA of more than 9 out of 10 shall be awarded Distinction with First Class and those with CGPA of 6.5 and above, <i>up to 9 out of 10</i> shall be placed in First Class and those who have secured a CGPA of 5.0 or more but less than 6.5 shall be placed in Second Class...

EC:08:15	To consider and approve starting of new Teaching Departments during the session 2012-13
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While approving starting of the new Departments during the session 2012-13 as recommended by the third Academic Council, the Council felt that the University should identify more courses that can be started in the next two years and added to the list given below:

1. Chemistry (M.Sc)
2. Environmental Sciences (M.Sc)
3. International Relations (MA)
4. Legal Studies (LLM)
5. Linguistics and Language Technology (MA)
6. Social Work (MSW)

The Council suggested to start the Departments of Archaeology, Journalism and Mass Communications, Education, Public Health, History, Performing Arts, etc., in the coming two years. It was suggested that WHO can be approached for funding the Department of Public Health.

The Chairperson informed that some of the courses in the above said Departments may not be starting during the coming academic session, but preparatory works will be started for setting up of the Laboratories, specialized classrooms, etc., so that the students do not face any difficulty on their enrolment. The Chairperson also informed the Council that for doing these exercises, reputed academicians (including Retired Professors/Associate Professors) would be appointed as Coordinators until regular appointments are made.

The Council noted that Department of Hindi, which was announced last year but could not be started due to non-availability of students, would also be started during the coming session.



EC:08:16 Adoption of New Pension Scheme in respect of the employees of the Central University of Kerala

Approved adoption of the NPS. However, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee to bring to the notice of Ministries of HRD & Finance the difficulties faced by the University in getting senior faculty and officers from pensionable Departments/Organizations in view of non-continuance of pension scheme.

EC:08:17 Modification of the nomenclature of the Head of the Account/Introduction of Heads of Account

Approved.

EC:08:18 To consider and approve the XII Plan proposal to be submitted to the UGC

The Council considered the XII Plan (2012-2017) proposal as recommended by the Finance Committee for a total outlay for Rs.1,20,596 lakh.

The Council felt that more detailed justification be given to the proposal to UGC and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to carry out necessary modification/alteration while working out the details. The Council also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to avail the services of professionals for modifying/altering the proposal, if need be.

EC:08:19 To consider Hiring of a Building to be used as a Guest House

Approved.

EC:08:20 To consider grant of extension of joining time to Prof. M Thomas Paul, Professor-designate in the Department of Economics

The Executive Council considered items No. 20 and 23 together. The application for extension of joining time by Dr. Thomas Paul was presented by the Vice Chancellor.

It was then pointed out by the Vice Chancellor that another candidate who applied for the post for which Dr. Thomas Paul was selected was not invited for interview due to clerical mistake, and this fact was brought up by that candidate. However, in the exigencies of the situation where there is no senior teacher in the Department of Economics, the University had given 3 months extension to Dr. Thomas Paul for joining duty.

In the light of these facts the Executive Council revised its decision to grant extension of three months joining time and resolved to cancel the appointment of Dr. Thomas Paul and to re-notify the vacancy.

EC:08:21 To consider grant of extension of joining time to Dr. Swapna S Nair, Assistant Professor-designate in the Department of Physics

It was resolved not to grant extension beyond three months, i.e., 25th May, 2012, to Dr. Swapna S Nair.

EC:08:22	To consider grant of extension of joining time to Dr. Manoj Kumar Valiyaveetil, Associate Professor-designate in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
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It was resolved not to grant further extension beyond 22nd March, 2012 to Dr. Manoj Kumar Valiyaveetil.

EC:08:23	To consider grant of five additional increments to Prof. M. Thomas Paul, Professor-designate in the Department of Economics
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Decision covered under item 20 above.

EC:08:24	To consider grant of two additional increments to Shri S Gopinath, Deputy Registrar
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The Council considered the item and constituted a Committee with Vice-Chancellor; Prof. P K Azis; and Finance Officer to look into the issue and act upon the recommendation of the Committee.

EC:08:25	To consider grant of two additional increments to Shri K. Jayakrishnan, Private Secretary
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The Council considered the item and constituted a Committee with the Vice-Chancellor; Prof. P K Azis; and Finance Officer to look into the issue and act upon the recommendation of the Committee.

EC:08:26	To consider appointment of Dean, Students Welfare (DSW)
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The Council noted its resolution in the sixth meeting, vide, item EC:06:04:07, for appointment of Dr. Prasad Pannian, Associate Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature as Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW).

In view of the reasons explained, the Council resolved to review its decision and appoint Dr. Vincent Mathew, Dean, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences as Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW). Dr. Mathew will look after the offices of both the Deans till further orders.

EC:08:27	To consider appointment of Prof. Probhodchandran Nair as the Academic Coordinator of the Department of Linguistics
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The Council approved the proposal of appointing Dr. Probhodchandran Nair, Professor (Rtd.), University of Kerala, Trivandrum, as the Academic Coordinator of the proposed Department of Linguistics. Dr. Nair be appointed initially for one year and be paid a fixed remuneration, to be calculated, on the basis last pay drawn minus pension.

EC:08:28	To consider appointment of Dr. A V George as the Academic Coordinator of the Department of Environmental Sciences
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The Council approved the proposal of appointing Dr. A V George, Associate Professor, Christ College, Irinjalakuda as the Academic Coordinator of the proposed Department of Environmental Sciences. The Council noted that Dr. George will be appointed initially for one year either on deputation or at a fixed remuneration applicable to retired employees.

EC:08:29	To consider placement of Smt. K Vibgyor, UDC, Rajiv Gandhi University (a Central University), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, who was working in Central University of Kerala on deputation
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The Council noted with concern the termination of Smt. Vibgyor by her parent institution w.e.f. 15-09-2010, while serving in Central University of Kerala. The issue was discussed at length taking into account the fact that the University had the intention to absorb Smt. Vibgyor before expiry of the deputation period. CUK had sought NoC of Rajiv Gandhi University for absorbing her in Central University of Kerala service. The Council noted that she has 19 years of experience in the Central University system, of which 13 years as Assistant (UDC) itself. She has served in CUK on deputation for sixteen months looking after more than three tables simultaneously. She happened to continue on deputation in CUK for 4½ months beyond the permitted period of deputation as it was expected that Rajiv Gandhi University would respond positively to the proposal to absorb her in Central University of Kerala service.

The UGC had sanctioned 4 posts of Assistant (UDC) during the XI Plan period. Out of the 4 posts, only 3 posts were advertised as Smt. Vibgyor was working on deputation in one post. In spite of nation-wide advertisement, the advertised posts of Assistant (3 posts) could not be filled up due to poor response from in-service persons. Non-availability of old pension scheme in the University is said to be a hindrance for attracting experienced people from other Central Institutions/Organizations.

Considering the provisions of the relevant Ordinance No. 21, Appendix to the clause 1.5, and the circumstances stated above, the Council resolved that Smt. Vibgyor be permanently absorbed in Central University of Kerala on humanitarian grounds as Assistant (UDC) with the Pay Band and Grade Pay that was granted by her parent employer and drawn by her, subject to the recommendation of the duly constituted Selection Committee as provided in the relevant Ordinance. She shall not claim any pensionary benefits from CUK for the period of her service elsewhere before her permanent absorption into CUK service.

EC:08:30	To consider the report of the Inspection Committee constituted by the Executive Council on taking over of Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS) at Pala
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The Council considered the recommendation of the Inspection Committee on taking over of Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS) at Pala.

After thorough discussion, it was resolved that the Centre may be taken over and established at Pathanamthitta till infrastructural facilities are made available at the permanent site at Periyar, subject to the condition that the recommendations of the Committee are accepted by

Prof. Mathai unconditionally. If acceptable, Prof. Mathai will sign an MoU with CUK, the draft of which will be made by the University officers and vetted by the Standing Counsel.

EC:08:31

To consider the request from the Spices Board, Palarivattom, Cochin, for granting recognition to ICRI, Myladumpara, as a Center for pursuing studies leading to award of M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees

The Council considered the proposal for granting recognition to the Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Myladumpara, the Research Wing of Spices Board for pursuing studies leading to award of M.Phil and Ph.D degrees. In order to examine the academic credibility of the Institute, it is resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute an Inspection Committee. The Committee will submit its report to the Executive Council for consideration.

EC:08:32

To consider enhancement of rent of B K M Towers, the building hired for University office at Kasaragod

The Council considered the Rent Reasonableness Certificate issued by CPWD in respect of BKM Towers, Kasaragod, from where the University main campus is functioning, and the negotiation meeting with the Power of Attorney Holder on 23rd March, 2012 and approved payment of rent @ Rs.13.60 per sq. ft. on the basis of value of the building. The Council also approved payment of arrear deposit and rent w.e.f. 9th July, 2011.

EC:08:33

To consider constitution of the Building Committee and holding of its first meeting

The Council approved the constitution of the Building Committee as per the Regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. The Council also approved the minutes of the first meeting of the Building Committee and approved signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CPWD for undertaking any construction work.

EC:08:34

To accord Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES) to the tune of Rs.14.58 lakh for preparation of a digital surveyed site plan, contour plan and additional boundary stone along the boundary line

The Council accorded Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES) to the tune of Rs.14.58 lakh for preparation of a digital surveyed site plan, contour plan and additional boundary stone along the boundary line as recommended by the Building Committee in its first meeting held on 22nd March, 2012.

The Council also approved deposit of the total estimated cost of Rs.14.58 lakh with CPWD.

EC:08:35	To accord Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES) to the tune of Rs.7.9 crore for construction of Compound Wall around the Permanent Campus (about 14 km)
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The Council accorded Administrative Approval (AA) and Expenditure Sanction (ES) to the tune of Rs.7.9 crore for construction of Compound Wall (about 14 km), 4 nos. of security guards room with gate and approved.

The Council also approved deposit of an advance equivalent up to 40% of the total estimated cost with CPWD for the work.

REPORTING ITEMS

EC:08:36	Repatriation of Prof. P R Sudhakaran to University of Kerala, his parent institution
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The Council noted the repatriation of Prof. P R Sudhakaran, Dean, School of Biological Sciences, to his parent institution on 31st January, 2012 (AN).

EC:08:37	Appointment of Standing Counsel
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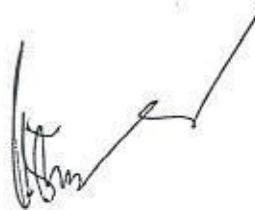
The Council noted appointment of Shri T P M Ibrahim Khan, Senior Advocate, High Court of Kerala, as Senior Standing Counsel; and Shri K M Abdul Majeed as Standing Counsel of the University.

EC:08:38	Appointment of Senior Assistant, Assistant and Junior Professional Assistant (Library)
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The Council noted the appointment of 4 Senior Assistants; 1 Assistant; and 1 Junior Professional Assistant (Library) on the recommendation of the respective Selection Committees.

EC:08:39	Stay on the appointment of Associate Professor in the Department of Economics under Reserved quota (OBC)
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While noting the stay on the appointment of Associate Professor in the Department of Economics under Reserved Quota (OBC), the Council opined that the University's action is in conformity with the reservation rules and the stay would not have any effect on the appointment.




EC:08:40

Transfer of Land

The Council noted with pleasure transfer of 310 acres of land at Periyar on 18th March, 2012.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks from and to the chair.


Registrar & 29/3/12
Secretary, Executive Council
Central University of Kerala